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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))**

Sir:

1. This is a petition to extend the period of time one (1) month for filing a response to the Office Action dated 10 April 2002.

2. Applicant is:

a small entity  
 other than small entity

<u>Extension (months)</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>
[x] one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
[ ] two months	\$ 400.00	\$200.00
[ ] three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
[ ] four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00
[ ] five months	\$1,960.00	\$980.00

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4. A response is filed herewith.

5. Charge the petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263 and for any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid. A duplicate of this petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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